



Lawn Community Church 2018

Making Jesus known in Lawn & ... beyond

April

Welcome

www.lawncommunitychurch.org.uk

We'd love you to begin to feel part of our Church Community on Sundays and during the week. To find out more look at our website, facebook page or notice table. Feel free to ask any questions.

April 2018

1 Sun	10.30am	Easter Communion
5 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Council
8 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
12 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
15 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
17 Tues	7.00pm for 7.30pm start	Worship Evening Gateway Church
22 Sun	10.30am	Worship Service
26 Thurs	8.00pm	Church Members' Meeting
29 Sun	10.30am	Visiting Preacher Alisdair Longwill
	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's Church Parks

May 2018

Meetings and special dates

3 Thurs	8.00pm	Deacons Meeting
6 Sun	10.30am	Communion Service
10 Thurs	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting
13 Sun	1.00pm	Bring and Share Lunch <i>To celebrate Matthew's 50th birthday</i>
27 Sun	10.30am	Pentecost Celebration
	3.30pm	Messy Church at St. John's

From our Finance Director

The Treasurer would like to thank you for your gifts towards the work of the church during the month of February 2018.

Total gifts received: £2,558.46

£30 BMS Birthday Scheme

Monthly Mission - giving to charities we support:

£127	Baptist Missionary society
£170	Baptist Home Mission Fund
£122.50	Willows Trust
£122.50	Swindon Youth for Christ
£56.50	Educación Plus

If anyone would like to make a financial gift towards the work of the church, there is an offertory box on the table near the notice board or speak to our Treasurer Howard Patterson. For information about Gift Aid, please speak to Jenny Garth.

Grape Vine News Letter

issue 61 has just been published. It is produced by Swindon Churches Together. LCC has received a bundle of twenty copies. If you are interested in reading this please let Ruth know so we can order an appropriate number for our church.

Announcement

The Special Church Members' meeting on 22nd March agreed that we should release Susan from her current two days a week job so that she would have more time to devote to the church. She will be paid by the church for 2 days a week and will be starting in May after she finishes her current job. Susan is particularly looking to have more time to pray and listen to God, and to be a presence in the community.

Happy Birthday

- 8th Rachel Hudd
- 12th David Williams
- 14th Gillian Andrews & Frank Hudd
- 15th John Iles
- 30th Luke Williams

Happy Anniversary

- 16th Derek & Shirley Owen
- 20th Jenny & Crispian Garth

Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 13th May after the Service to celebrate

Matthew's 50th Birthday

April	Worship	Preach	PA	Lap Top	Set-Up	Refreshments	Welcome	Duty Person
1	Susan	Keith	Keith T	Ruth	Howard Matthew	????	Liz	Howard
8	Christine	Stephen	Matthew	Howard	Keith S Simon	Howard Lillieth	Ruth	Keith S
15	Susan	Keith	Keith T	Kirit	Keith T Stephen	Ruth Amy Jenny	Amy	Keith T
22	Maureen	Susan	Matthew	Ruth	Howard David W	David Kirit Gill		Howard
29	Susan	Alisdair Longwill	Matthew	Howard	Jenny Simon	Crispian Jenny	Liz	Jenny

Christ has risen



Easter Communion

1st
Led by
Susan Saunders
Peaching
Keith Saunders

8th
Led by
Christine Brooke
Preaching
Stephen Brooke

Ephesians 5
15th
Led by
Susan Saunders
Preaching
Keith Saunders

Ephesians 6
22nd
Led by
Maureen Iles
Preaching
Susan Saunders



Prayer Meeting

Thursday 8pm, 12th April.

In Room 1

This will be a soaking session, please bring something to make yourself comfortable.



Sunday 29th April

Visiting Preacher

Alisdair Longwill
Service Led by
Susan Saunders

Messy Church
at
St. John's
3.30pm

Invitation for meal out

6.30pm Saturday 19th May

Would you like to join us for a meal out for a relaxing evening together at the Bakers Arms in Badbury, SN4 0EU?

The menu can be viewed at www.bakersarmsbadbury.co.uk
If so please contact Ruth French to book a place by Sunday 29th April.

Frank & Rachel, Matthew & Ruth.

Worship Evening Tuesday 17th April

Doors open at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start, finish by 9.30am approx.

Gateway Church The Trinity Centre, Stonehill Green, Swindon, SN5 7AR

Worship Evening to give thanks and praise to the Lord for all his goodness to us. We have seen the value of praying together in the past, we felt that we would like to dedicate one evening to a time of praise and thanksgiving. Gateway Church has kindly agreed to lead us in a time of praise and we would love to see you there. One of the greatest things we do is to worship the Lord, how wonderful to do this together with others from different churches in Swindon. It is because we know that Christ has stepped into our lives and set us free that we have every reason to rejoice together in the Lord our God. Please come expectant and ready to share a short contribution if you wish, (so that many can take part), scripture or a prayer of praise as a part of the evening. We are enriched by the contribution of every member in the body of Christ.

Communion Service

Sunday 10.30am 6th May
Led by Susan Saunders
Preaching Keith Saunders



Church Members' Meeting

8pm Thursday 26th April in Room 1

If you are unable to make it, please give your apology to Jenny Garth or Keith Saunders.

Thy Kingdom Come in 2018

Sunday 8th July

Gorse Hill Baptist Church, Swindon



Nigel Coles explains why we are choosing Thy Kingdom Come, which began as an initiative of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, as our WEBA theme for 2018, making this a year of prayer for our network. There will be at least four **Thy Kingdom Come** Network Gatherings and also cluster-based **Prayer Nights** throughout the year.

Thy Kingdom Come...why us?

My response is, why not us? Perhaps you're wondering why we're promoting what is really an Anglican initiative. I'd suggest that in the past we've had a tendency to react with a kind of arrogance that can take the form 'we're already doing that anyway'; *but* honestly, are we coming before God in total willingness to depend on him? Without the power of the Holy Spirit I see no future for many of our existing churches. In Christ, we have a hope and a future.

Thy Kingdom Come...why now?

Simply put, the clouds are gathering. The need for the light of Jesus Christ in our nation is becoming ever clearer. In many of our churches, the age profile is increasing, and there's uncertainty about how to engage in our contemporary situations. These are just two reasons why churches feel an acute need of God's help if they're going to make a real impact.

Thy Kingdom Come...why together?

One of our greatest strengths is the autonomy of the local church. However, when this becomes 'independence' rather than 'inter-dependence', everyone loses. If we're self sufficient, others miss out on the blessing of our support. On the other hand, we lose out if we struggle on alone. Let's make the effort to encourage one another by praying together.

Why 'Thy Kingdom Come'?

Prayer is not an end in itself. We particularly like 'Thy Kingdom Come' because it refers to the outcome we want, rather than prayer as an activity for its own sake. Across the West of England Baptist network we are looking to galvanise people to pray because we need to come before God in humility, dependency, and trust, desperate to see more harvest, which is people coming to know Jesus and becoming disciples, who in turn become workers in the 'harvest field'. I don't think anyone is under any delusions about the immensity of the challenges we face, but with God, 'all things are possible'.

Date for a Bristol Network Gathering 24th June, Counterslip Baptist Church Wells Road, Bristol, BS14 9HT Cluster Prayer Nights will be advertised on the website when available.

Inequality – The enemy between us

Thursday 7pm – 8.30pm 12th April 2018
Baptist Church Gorse Hill Swindon SN2 1AA

Guest speakers

Wanda Wyporska Executive director of the Equality Trust
Lay Rayfield Bishop of Swindon

www.swindonequality.btck.co.uk
www.equalitytrust.org.uk/support

No charge, contributions for refreshments.

Swindon equality group is not affiliated to a political. It is affiliated to the Equality Trust, a national charity that aims to improve quality of life in the UK by reducing inequality.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 16th June

A national speaker for men's breakfast event at Gorse hill Baptist Church.

The speaker is Gerrit Bantjes, who has been a British army paratrooper, a coach to Cardiff Rugby Club and now works full time for Care for the Family.

If you are interested in going please speak to Keith T, you need to book a place for catering reasons.

Harnhill Open Day

10.30am Saturday,
2nd June 2018,

Come along for a day of fun and fellowship

The day will include various fundraising stalls for the Harnhill Centre and tours around the house and gardens and lots more!

RSVP ☎ 01285 850283

Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing,
Harnhill, Cirencester, GL7 5PX

Area of our Community:

Pray for the work of Youth for Christ as they seek to reach out to young people across Swindon to build strong relationships that lead to positive change in their lives to enable them to fulfil their potential in life.

An aspect of LCC life:

Pray for our set up team to be refreshed in worship after their work to prepare our worship space. Pray that all technology may run smoothly and our PA team are blessed as they monitor the sound.

Jesus is
our Saviour

Four regular prayer themes
in each LCC monthly news sheet:

Jesus is
our Healer

Organisation or ministry we support:

Pray for 'Baptists together' as they support local Baptist Churches to share God's love at a grass root level with people in their community through to addressing justice and political issues; responding to government consultations.

People within LCC:

Please pray for Imogen, Aaron, Katherine and Rachel as they finish their final weeks at university before the summer.

Please continue to pray for our older folk Liz, Georgina, Tich, Mary, Derek B and Dorothy.

Lawn Community Church Leadership

Susan & Keith Saunders

☎ 346179

Frank & Rachel Hudd

☎ 529818

Susan's, Rachel's and Frank's
Day off: Saturday

**LCC Prayer Diary &
News Sheet Deadline:**
Sunday 18th April

If you would like a prayer request included in our Prayer Diary please contact Derek Owen. For contributions to the Monthly News Sheet please send it to the editor:

editor4lccns@gmail.com

Support group for retired people

Set up by Care for the family explores opportunities, serving church and local community and a whole range of issues facing retired people from keeping healthy to finance issues. They have created a website, blog & facebook page.

Time for prayer

- On your own, use a prayer diary or in the week in 2's or 3's.
- After or before the service, in Home Groups or at Prayer meetings in Room 1 on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.
- If anyone has any pastoral concerns or needs to speak or pray with someone please contact one of our Elders.

Prayer Suggestions for specific days from Care's prayer diary for April

Paper copies ☎020 72330455 www.care.org.uk www.twitter.com/careprayerdiary

1st Sun Easter Sunday Risen Lord, we worship You and give thanks for the glorious Easter hope by which we have been saved – 'raised up and seated with Him in the heavenly realms'. Amen

2nd Mon World Autism Day

Pray for the 700,000 people in Britain who have autism – a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how they communicate and relate to others and their experience of the world around them – to be better understood, supported and championed to thrive, from childhood into the rest of their lives.

3rd Tues Pray about the growing lack of knowledge about the Bible and the basic beliefs of Christianity in our nation's children. Ask God to help us to withstand the drift in today's society towards a secular mindset and to protect our right to share the gospel freely.

4th Wed Redeeming God, we intercede for those who formerly believed in You, but no longer do so. Amid life's circumstances and through the lives and prayers of Christian family, friends and colleagues please stir up their spirits to respond once again to the gospel. Amen.

'Christ Jesus, our Saviour ... broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News ... I know the One in whom I trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until the day of His return.'

2 TIMOTHY 1:10,12 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)